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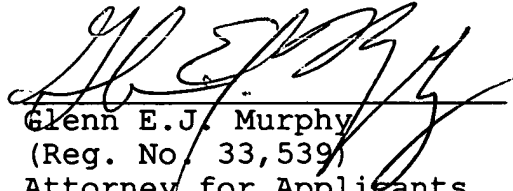
Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b) applicants disclose to the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDC form PTO-1449; a copy of these documents is enclosed. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to consider each of these documents and note that consideration where provided on the IDC. The relevance of the cited non-English documents is explained in the specification or in the attached English version of the International Search Report.

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